

Tuition fluctuates due to budget cuts

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With ongoing cuts to higher education funding in Missouri Northwest was forced to add new fees to undergraduate students bills and raise tuition for the first time in nearly eight years.

Undergraduate students will be charged .5 percent more for every credit hour taken while overall tuition has been raised by 2.8 percent. These changes were brought up and approved last year by Northwest’s Student Senate and Board of Regents in order to make sure the University had adequate funding.

Pat Harr, a board chair for the Board of Regents, said the decision to raise tuition and add new fees was not a knee jerk reaction but instead a long and complicated journey.

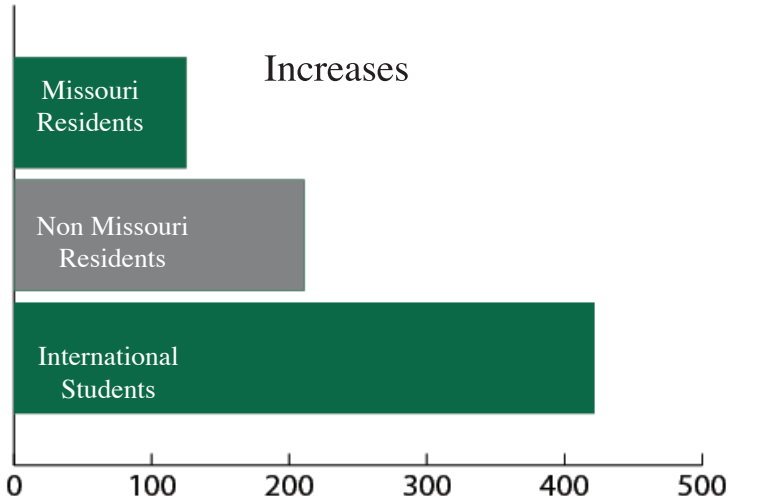
“The institution went under the tedious processes of trying to save money but maintain our quality of education,” Harr said. “This means that every department went through the process of making cuts and trying to save money. This was

done through a number of things including merging departments together, cutting departments and even cutting positions. We also offered voluntary retirements to a number of faculty members and 25 faculty members took us up on that offer.”

According to Harr the tuition increase took place after Gov. Eric Greitens, cut funding to higher education and broke an eight year long deal between Northwest and past Missouri governors. The University had an agreement with previous Missouri governors if they did not cut funding to the University, Northwest would not raise tuition.

According to the Saint Louis Post-Dispatch, Greitens cuts to higher education topped out at \$82 million with more cuts to come in the upcoming year. While also making cuts Greitens was also withholding about 9 percent of money which should be allocated towards higher education.

The processes of trying to save money and keep the University a float began during the 2016 school



year when every department began to make cuts.

Northwest’s Board of Regents and Student Senate worked together to create the new budget plan and devise the new fees students would have to pay in order to help keep the university funded. This included increasing the technology fee and Foster Fitness Fees as well as creating a fee for the new Hughes Fieldhouse.

According to Northwest’s website, the technology fee is increasing by \$2 per credit hour to support its laptop replacement cycle as well as upgrades to classroom and meeting room projector technology.

The University’s campus recreation fee will increase by \$3.65 per credit hour to enhance recreational programming: including club sports, intramurals, recreation

center facility enhancements, programming and operations at the planned Northwest Multipurpose Complex, and the Mzingo Outdoor Education Recreation Area.

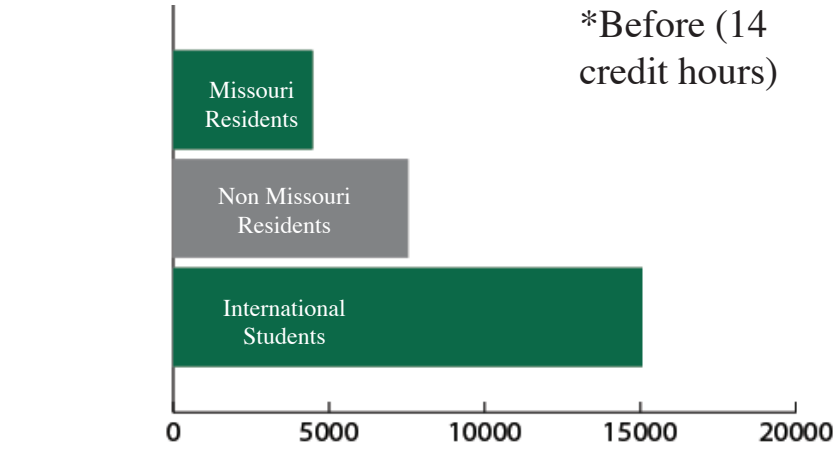
The third fee is the implementation of a co-curricular fee of 50 cents per credit hour to support Student Senate operations and student organizations. An increase of 2.6 percent for meal plans and an increase of 1 percent for room rates were also approved.

Harr believes without the help and hard work put forth by Student Senate the University would not be in the good financial standing it is in now.

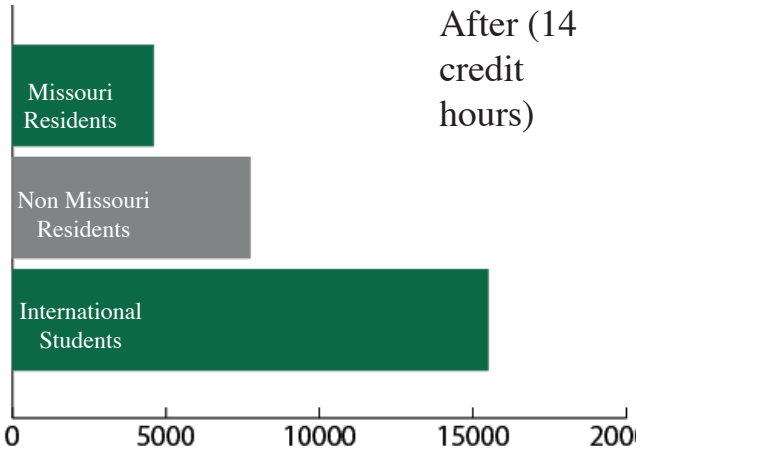
“Student Senate is wise beyond their years and I am really proud of our student body and how they were able to tackle this very serious issue,” Harr said. “They understood the issue and saw what needed to be done to help keep the University running so they proposed a number of fees and thanks to their help we are currently in a better financial standing.”

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Faculty work to improve high rises for incoming freshmen

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Freshmen high-rises undergo closer, as well as remodeling to accommodate the incoming freshmen.

The freshmen high-rise dorms are undergoing many changes. Millikan and Dieterich first floors are in the process of being remodeled, along with Dieterich’s basement.

Rose Viau, the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs: Residential and Auxiliary services, is in charge of the remodel designs.

“I mean the buildings need it,” Viau said. “We are able to typically put some carpet, maybe some paint, maybe some furniture in those kinds of spaces. They’re out of date, students want different things. So needs have really changed, and we try to keep up with those in different ways without doing actual construction. We’re not able to do that.”

Some big changes coming with the remodeling includes gaming spaces, new kitchens, better hang out areas and extended living rooms. The ResLife office hopes to continue renovating the rest of the buildings in the future.

The high-rises as we know them were built in the late ‘60s and early ‘70s. The buildings Franken and Phillips were built first. They were closed first. Phillips was closed in 2014.

“So Franken is closed for this year. Our overall numbers are



Construction is underway at Millikan and Dieterich halls.

down a little bit. Not necessarily historically,” Viau said.

Sophomore Denny Nguyen lived in Franken during the 2016-2017 school year.

“There were so many memories, a lot of fun and we were like a family on our floor since we were the only freshmen boys in the building,” Nguyen said. “I think that the incoming freshmen will have a similar experience since Millikan and Dieterich are the same type of building, so hopefully it doesn’t matter.”

The buildings Tower Suites and South Complex were built to expand the University’s capacity.

“The plan was to tear a building down and go back to original

capacity to be even,” Viau said. “But we had several years of the University where we just skyrocketed in numbers so we ended up needing that capacity and then we just never got the chance to bring it back down. So our need is back down but our capacity is still higher.”

With the recent decrease in freshmen, the school is debating knocking down one of the buildings.

“We’re trying to decide if we need them both right now or if we can get rid of one,” Viau said. “We really haven’t decided yet. We do use one to let people stay during homecoming type events, cheaper than hotels.”

Student debt, job placement rates spike

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Northwest is now 11th in the state for highest debt rates in graduating students, the highest debt rate of a state colleges in Missouri.

According to the website LendEdu, a site which provides a breakdown on student loan debt across the nation, the average student debt at Northwest is \$28,332 with roughly 71 percent of students attending school on a federal or private loan.

According to CollegeFac-

tual, a website which shows a university’s debt rates, at Northwest Missouri State University, 58 percent of incoming students take out a loan to help with freshman year costs, averaging about \$5,792. The website also stated the average federal loan is \$5,491, which is 99.8 percent of the first-year borrowing cap of \$5,500.

CollegeFactual states the average undergraduate students utilizes about \$8,467 per year in federal loans.

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SPORTS BRIEF

Tailgate changes in place for 2017

Construction of the Carl and Cheryl Hughes Fieldhouse alters the list of lots Bearcat football fans may tailgate in during the 2017 season.

Lot 1 has been designated as a tailgate lot. The area fills in the void of Lot 62, which is closed for construction. Alcohol will be permitted in the new lot, along with lots 60 and 63.

An alcohol free, family friendly tailgate environment will also be available in lot 42. VIP members may park in lots 2 and 59.

Those traveling in RVs may park at Donaldson Park. A courtesy shuttle from the lot to Bearcat Stadium will be provided.

All tailgate lots open five hours before kickoff. Students who regularly park in any lots mentioned are reminded to move their vehicle to avoid the towing of their vehicles.

Anyone with questions about game day parking changes are encouraged to contact University Police.



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Renovations, construction continue at Mozingo

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Mozingo Lake and Recreational Park continues to undergo construction, as well as partnering with schools.

In March 2017 Mozingo finished the construction of the Boulders Inn and Suites hotel.

According to Boulders Inn and Suites hotel website, the hotel is a 40 room facility. The hotel includes a business room in the lobby, along with a fitness center. The hotel is located near the Watson 9 golf course.

The park is also in the process of building a new conference center. The conference center is a an approximately \$4.8 million project. The project was paid for with the one-eighth cent sales tax, existing debt and reserve funds from Mozingo.

An one-eighth cent sales tax is the equivalent of one penny on an \$8 purchase and was approved by voters in April 2016 to last for the next 20 years.

The center features a new restaurant, indoor golf simulator swing bays, a new ProShop and a new golf cart storage.

City Manager Greg McDanel had a hand in the planning of the center.

“Over the next year, the City Council has committed to making the conference center a premier event destination to support re-

gional tourism and economic development,” McDanel said. “We anticipate the conference center will hold numerous university and alumni events. It also will provide an unmatched venue for Greek life functions, as well as numerous other organizations.”

The center is scheduled to open Jan. 1 and is already tak-

ing reservations for weddings and events in 2018.

Mozingo has also had many partnerships with the schools. Every three years the Northwest Technical School (NTS) helps the park build cabins. This past year they built Cabins seven and eight.

“NTS has now completed four cabins for us and the partnership

has been amazing,” McDanel said. “The city provides funds for materials and the students are provided a real world learning experience. The end product is a high end luxury cabin at Mozingo and we anticipate continuing this partnership in future years.”

There have been minor updates happening around the park as well.

The park recently got new signs along Highway 136. Mozingo improved the driving range and replaced the sand bunker on the Sechrist 18 golf course. They made an events lawn for the conference center and bought new equipment for maintenance to the park.

Mozingo Conference Center



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University breaks ground for multipurpose complex

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Before students filled the campus of Northwest the University broke ground on one of the largest projects in the area.

According to the Northwest webpage, the total cost for Hughes Fieldhouse will cost \$21,075,000

and create approximately 946 jobs for the region.

Donors have given \$12.9 million toward the project. In April 2017 the Board of Regents approved student fees to benefit the new building. The fees will account for about \$7.5 million. The University is relying on the remaining \$600,000 to be accounted for

by donations.

Hughes Fieldhouse will be a 137,250 square-foot multipurpose facility featuring recreation and exhibition space, indoor flooring system, 100-yard practice turf, 300-meter indoor competition track, spectator seating and tiered meeting rooms.

Athletic Director Mel Tjeersdma said the new fieldhouse can be of assistance to every team at Northwest.

“It’s going to be a tremendous benefit for all of our sports,” Tjeersdma said. “Football and soccer will benefit from it some, but

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Planned to open
June of 2018

946 jobs will be created

baseball, softball and track and field will benefit from it more than

anybody because it provides them a place to go in November, December, January and February.”

The Bearcat Arena holds practices for track, cheerleading and basketball, sometimes all at the same time, according to junior pole vaulter Zach Walkenhorse. Walkenhorse said the new facilities will help provide more space to all of the sports Northwest offers.

“The facilities we have now work, but they get pretty crowded,” Walkenhorse said. “You have cheer practice and you have basketball going on and you have us trying to run around all of them. Having a 300 meter track will open up a ton of possibilities.”

Once the building is finished it will serve more than just the University. The fieldhouse is versatile enough to hold trade shows, youth and high school athletics, business conferences, intramurals and fundraisers.

“It’s going to be great for our students,” Tjeersdma said. “The plan is to have one segment of the day for classes and community use, another segment of the day strictly for athletics and a third segment of the day for intramurals and club sports that don’t have a place now.”

Along with school functions, the fieldhouse will be able to serve more than just the University.

“Everybody is going to benefit from it,” Tjeersdma said. “The city is a partner with us and they are going to use it in off times for home shows and things like that.”

With a state-of-the-art facility erecting, Walkenhorse says he thinks it will be a big recruiting point for teams in the future.

“For a division two college the facilities are limited,” Walkenhorse said. “Once we get the multipurpose building there will be a huge draw. People will come. We don’t have bad facilities but once we get this it’s going to bring people in.”

Tjeersdma said the builders have encountered a small delay but everything should continue according to schedule.

“As far as progress goes they are about to start putting in footings,” Tjeersdma said. “They got delayed a little bit due to excess rain we had this summer.”

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New competition to build community

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To build a community in the residence halls, members of the Residential Life department are implementing a hall competition for the freshmen halls.

The competition will be between Dieterich, Hudson, Millikan and Perrin Hall. The goal of the competition is to enforce the expectations of a Bearcat, to learn, connect, care, practice civility and show pride, in the dorms.

Coordinator of Residential Life Mike Miller and Assistant Director of Wellness Services Prevention, Outreach and Education B.K. Taylor worked over the summer on this project with the idea of improving the environment in the halls at the forefront of their minds.

“The idea behind it is based on well-being which is what we call resiliency,” Miller said. “It’s based out of our wellness department here on campus. We’re working with their assistant director of POE (Prevention and Education) to try to help students have more resiliency being able to deal with things that are happening and focusing on how to flourish and how to be the best that they can be.”

According to junior Residential Assistant Sylvia Brand, points for each hall can be earned by doing things that are already being implemented across campus as part of the Being a Better Bearcat program. At the end of the spring



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Northwest freshman moves his belongings into Hudson Perrin during move-in Aug. 24.

semester, the winning hall will receive a two foot tall gold cup.

“It’s a friendly hall competition and it’s fun,” Brand said. “It’s just building our pride and where we came from so that down the road when maybe our current freshmen are bringing their children here it’s like, ‘I was here and I was a Millikan Bearcat.’”

There will also be a couple of hall competitions a few times a year where points can be earned for wearing the hall’s t-shirt and posting a picture on social media,

going to certain programs, studying in the study area or leaving the door to dorm rooms open.

Freshmen Sophia Anderson, living in Hudson Hall is looking forward to socializing with other students outside of her hall.

“All I know is that each floor and building is competing with each other and eventually a hall will win a big cup and get their names on the bottom of it,” Anderson said. “I’m excited to come together and meet other people.”

In an effort to create more pride within the dorms, Residential Life is working on branding each hall. Right now, each hall has its own crests designed by Northwest graphic designer Wesley Rockwood and the Northwest marketing team on each dorm room door as well as on the elevators. Each hall will also be getting different colored t-shirts with its hall name on it around Sept. 1.

Residential Life is also working on large scale programs for the halls. The department hopes to host a barbecue, a service project and a ball at the end of the semester.

“Our hope is that (freshmen) get engaged and want to get involved in that stuff,” Miller said. “That way it will create some pride and that pride will create that retention and create an ownership of the hall that will make it a place that they want to see be better.”



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Bobby the Bearcat rolls out of Dieterich Hall during freshman move in day Thursday, Aug. 24th

TDC program rewritten to further assist students

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After a year of planning, the Talent Development Center (TDC) has been remodeled and is now the Student Success Center (SSC).

The new SSC resides on the second floor of the B.D. Owens Library. The switch has been planned for the past year to help promote student retention, learning and development from orientation to graduation.

Director of Academic Success and Retention Allison Hoff-

man worked with the department to help reform the center.

“Over the course of the last year, there were three academic summits held that reviewed our student support programs to identify strengths, gaps and an ideal structure to create efficiencies and expand services for students,” Hoffman said. “These strategic discussions led to the creation of the Student Success Center.”

The SSC focuses on six key areas: new student orientation, first-year experience, academic advise-

ment and success coaching, academic support (tutoring/SI), academic recovery and retention support. The goal of the SSC is to focus on student success from orientation to graduation.

“The Student Success Center is the centralized hub for academic success at Northwest. It focuses on transitioning, advising, supporting and connecting students to maximize academic potential,” Hoffman said.

Like the TDC, the SSC is a place for students to visit for as-

sistance with school work and advisement. However, unlike the TDC, the SSC will offer extended evening hours, online appointment sign-ups, video tutoring and cross-training of student employees.


“The SSC is a student-friendly location where students are welcome and encouraged to ask questions,” Hoffman said. “We are focused on students and helping students achieve success. Success means something different to each and every student and we take a personalized approach in everything we do at the Student

Success Center.”

Graduate student Jessica Triplett, who works in the Writing Center, witnessed first hand the changes being implemented.

“I feel like there’s a lot of switching programs going on campus and for upperclassmen, it can get confusing because they might have known that office as something different,” Triplett said. “Other than the name change it just looks like they’ve reorganized it. It seems like we’re more of a unit now.”

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Esports deserve a future Olympic seat

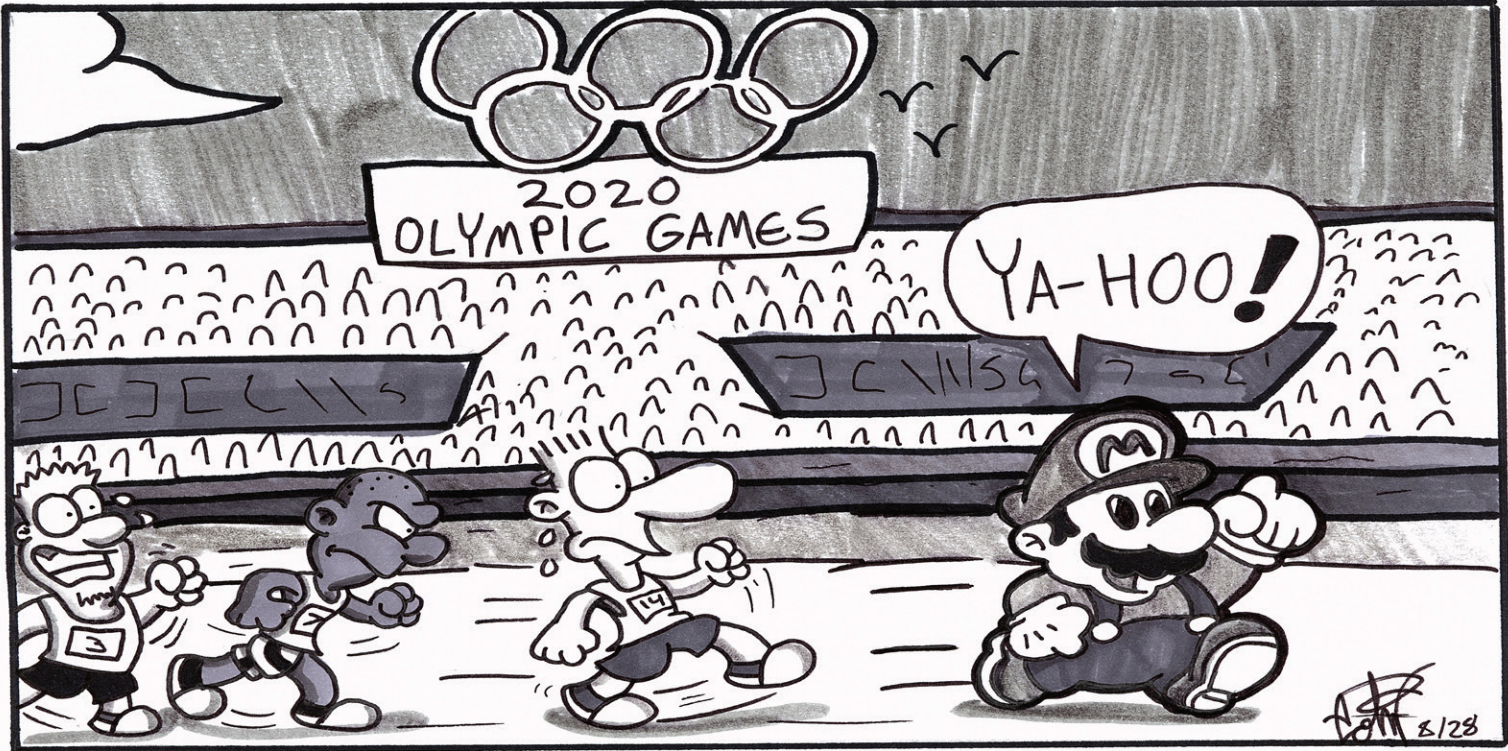


Video games are more important than many like to believe. Video games have largely been considered as nothing more than toys for the better half of the last 50 years. Now with the recent announcement of the discussion of their inclusion in future Olympic competition, game and sports fans alike will be hard pressed to find a parent obliviously referring to an Xbox or PlayStation as just another Mario Bros. machine.

In an interview with the Associated Press, co-president of the Paris Olympic bid committee, Tony Estanguet, confirmed active efforts are underway to include competitive video gaming, or esports, in the 2024 Olympic games. He is aware of the naysayers and is pushing for a broader Olympic competition in the future.

“The youth, they are interested in esports and this kind of thing. Let’s look at it. Let’s meet them. Let’s try if we can find some bridges,” Estanguet said.

It is a hard concept to grasp, I know. Trying to get behind watching competitors sit in a chair while they race to see who can achieve carpal tunnel the fastest can only be so riveting. Watching esports is not only a foreign concept to those of us who grew up watching some of the most physically tasking sports known to man, it is funda-



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mentally naturally strange on the most basic of human levels.

But there is more to it than this. Esports and video games in general find a way to get millions of player’s hearts pounding every time a new season comes around. This fact alone is enough of a reason to accept the announcement with open arms.

It’s taken some time, but the rest of the world needs to wake-up to how important video games are as a sport. If it’s still hard to accept, then maybe consider the more than 100 million League of Legends players who are online at least once a month.

The tension and interesting nature of esports are exactly what got them here too.

For example, Overwatch is a video game developed by the highly acclaimed Blizzard Entertainment. To many outsiders, the game looks like nothing more than a cash grab as it seemingly rips off the animation style Pixar often uses. On the other hand, those who have seen all the game has to offer are more than aware of the impressive annual \$50,000 an ama-

teur could make if they put in the time to play professionally.

Numbers like these are thanks to games like Call of Duty, Rocket League, Counter Strike and Dota 2. The developers of these games have fostered a community of gamers who noticed the high skill ceiling offered by these games. Now those communities are so big even ESPN has picked up on the trends.

ESPN, as big of a name as it is, is not all powerful. Many, including PennLive’s David Jones, find the inclusion of esports at the Olympics laughable.

“Just end the Olympics altogether if this happens, OK? It will be just another indicator of the downfall of Western Civilization. I’m not just being rhetorically dramatic here, I’m serious,” Jones said.

These are the same baseless arguments littering discussion for the past 50 years. Esports aren’t laughable, they’re real and here to stay and the hundreds of millions of fans have been screaming this loud and clear for more than a decade.

OUR VIEW:

Planet Sub is one sub shop too many

In a vacuum, sub sandwiches are a nice meal. They can be filled with tasty lunch meat and refreshing lettuce, dripping with grease as a Philly cheese steak or even topped with parmesan cheese on a meatball sub. The issue starts to brim when a sub shop announces a grand opening in a small town already boasting two Subways and a Jimmy John’s.

Planet Sub is a higher quality sub shop and the Maryville community loves their local hits such as Happy Garden and A&G, but these nicer more authentic restaurants are few and far between.

It seems Planet Sub and the owner of Student Body, Jim Goecken, has the right idea by at least putting a twist on its typical restaurant style with his idea

to fuse the Student Body with the new sub shop. As great of an idea as it is, it only encourages the bland options Maryville has when it comes to place to sit down and eat.

Maryville’s fast food to dine in restaurant ratio is very top heavy. Driving down main street alone is illuminated by a Taco Bell, McDonalds, Pizza Hut, Sonic, Taco John’s, Dairy Queen, Subway and Jimmy John’s. Though this is typical for a main street in any town, especially considering Maryville being a college town, the staggering thing is each of these restaurants has at least two doppelgangers less than a mile away. It’s fine, but not good enough.

Maryville residents, while a trip to Planet Sub should never

be discouraged, should check out places like Kool Kats as an alternative to Dairy Queen if for no other reason than to get away from the corporate feel of a McDonald’s like establishment.

On the brighter side of things, Subway doesn’t seem to have much of a worry when it comes to the upcoming competition, so for those who are worried about one of two of their favorite Subways shutting down should be able to sleep well.

Candace Fannon, a Subway employee, says she trusts her regulars to keep coming back for more.

“It’s going to be popular for a while I think, because you know everyone is going to want to try it,” Fannon said. “I’m sure a lot of people will like it, but we have a lot of regular customers who I

don’t think will give up on their favorite sub sandwiches.”

Even considering this, Fannon is aware of the competition and is sure there will be variation on both menus as a result.

As a Maryville resident though, Fannon is more disappointed with her options around town and feels they can become a bit repetitive.

“Being from Maryville, I don’t think we have many options,” Fannon said. “Sometimes it feels like we almost only have fast food and another sub shop is not going to help that.”

Fannon has lived here most of her life, and has been subject to its boring food options as a result. Something most everyone can agree on is there nothing wrong with a little change or variation.

The left must stop generalizing the right



As a young Republican, now more than ever it seems I am always in the political crossfire. After the events in Charlottesville I’ve been called a white supremacist, a Klan member and, most popularly, a Nazi or Nazi sympathizer. This hypocrisy among the Left is almost laughable.

When there is a terrorist attack in the name of Islam, the hashtag, #NotAllMuslims pops

up. People go to great lengths to say they blame the attacker, not the ideology that pushed them to their act. When someone on the left attacks someone on the right they get called a lone wolf. Only a small minority are like this. Then they completely turn their backs on that logic when it comes to anyone on the alt right. Everyone center and to the right is a Nazi who wants to destroy anyone who’s not white.

Almost funny, considering Nazi is short for the German words Nationalsozialistische Duetsche Arbeiterpartei. Translated: National Socialist German Worker’s Party. Socialism is something the Republican party is whole heartedly

against, and yet still get lumped together with these extremists.

Why is it okay to have such double standards? Why is okay to blame everyone in the Republican Party (and even those who don’t identify as Republican, but more centrist) for the acts of only a few? Either people admit that there is a double standard in their thinking or we will only see a growth in the alt right. I’m far from a Nazi or a Nazi supporter, but I can’t support Antifa, a violent, oppressive group itself, either. Between these two extremes it will be those of us more in the center that will be hurt, not those they so diametrically oppose.

The argument that President

Trump is to blame for the rise of the alt right are only partially true. Yes, Trump is an extreme all his own. Not every Republican supports him. He’s loud, a little bit selfish, and sometimes says things he shouldn’t.

One thing the Republican Party agrees on is he was right to condemn both sides. We do not know who started the violence. Was it the members of the #UnitetheRight, a group with pitchforks and torches? Or was it Antifa, a group known to be violent to anyone they disagree with? Are we supposed to forget about what happened at Berkeley in 2016, where Antifa torched buildings, destroyed cars, and attacked people? Who attempted

to burn down a building where a speaker they disagreed with was in?

If the blind accusations by both parties continue then the two extremes will only grow. Centrists will feel forced to pick a side, our nation will regress so far back we may never recover. We don’t want to repeat history with another civil war.

Ultimately, reason must prevail if we want to keep our country from imploding on itself. Whether you side with the right, the left or have no political alliance, we must end both extremes. Not through violence or legislature, but by not adding fuel to their ever growing fire.

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New fourth street sub shop takes shape

TRENT SPINNER

Chief Reporter | @trentspinner

The Student Body is bringing life to the sandwich industry in Maryville once again as it rents a piece of its building out to the third installment, Planet Sub.

Student Body owner Jim Goecken struck a deal with St. Joseph, Missouri, native and franchise rights holder Shannon Johnson to establish a franchise store in the built on wing to the right side of the Student Body.

Goecken said the Planet Sub idea has been in his head for a while as he hopes to bring around more business from the project. Goecken will be the landlord in this little experiment as Planet Sub combines with the Student Body for a dual threat business.

“We’ve been working on this for a little over a year now, so we got in contact with Shannon talking about finding him a space to get in here,” Goecken said. “We had a couple of ideas but they fell through so in the end we decided

to use up half of our parking lot and build him a place that suits the store.”

Planet Sub is slightly different than the majority of the sub shops in Maryville. The combination of toasted sandwiches, salads and the opportunity to serve alcohol seem to be a major factor in the growth of the business.

“There isn’t a lot in the area, it’s really only in St. Joseph and areas around Kansas City, because it started in Lawrence, Kansas,” Goecken said. “It’s a little bit

of a higher quality sub shop, but the prices aren’t that way, they are more in line with the rest of the fast food places.”

One of the major factors in the success of the business will be the proximity and accessibility of the Planet Sub location to campus. Planet Sub also offers the possibility of being open as late as 11 p.m. to appease the late night crowd. The store includes two parking lot locations with doors being located on either side of the building. Owners Goecken and Johnson

plan to offer exclusive deals in a combined effort by both stores.

“We hope during the lunch period it will increase foot traffic in the building and vice versa,” Goecken said. “We will run some cross over specials and promotions like you get a percentage off if you shop there first then come over here that type of deal.”

The building process was put into motion around June and is expected to be fully functional by Oct. 1 for a grand opening.

DEBT
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This amount is 54.2 percent higher than the \$5,491 amount borrowed by freshmen. They estimate by borrowing at that rate students two years in will be about \$16,934 in debt and four years in students will be about \$33,868 in debt.

However, while graduating students are leaving the University with high debt rates they face a higher chance of job placement after graduation.

According to Northwest’s Career Services the overall rate of job placement for 2015-2016 undergraduate students was 95.9 percent and the overall rate of job placement for the 2015-2016 graduate students was 97.3 percent.

Northwest has been rated as a university with one of the highest job placements rates and according to Director of Career Services Joan Schneider these high rates are nothing new. Since about 2006 the Universities job placements rates have been in the 96 percent range and are expected to stay steady in the upcoming years.

This high rates in part thanks to all the opportunities offered to students at Northwest and the cooperation between students and faculty.

“There are a lot of things which help to contribute to the high job placement rates and it is a group effort,” Schneider said. “... We have solid academic programs which faculty take the time to evaluate. We have a five year rotation where the faculty rotate 20 percent

of the programs each year for viability in the workplace while also connecting to people in the industry to talk to them about what they are looking for in employees.”

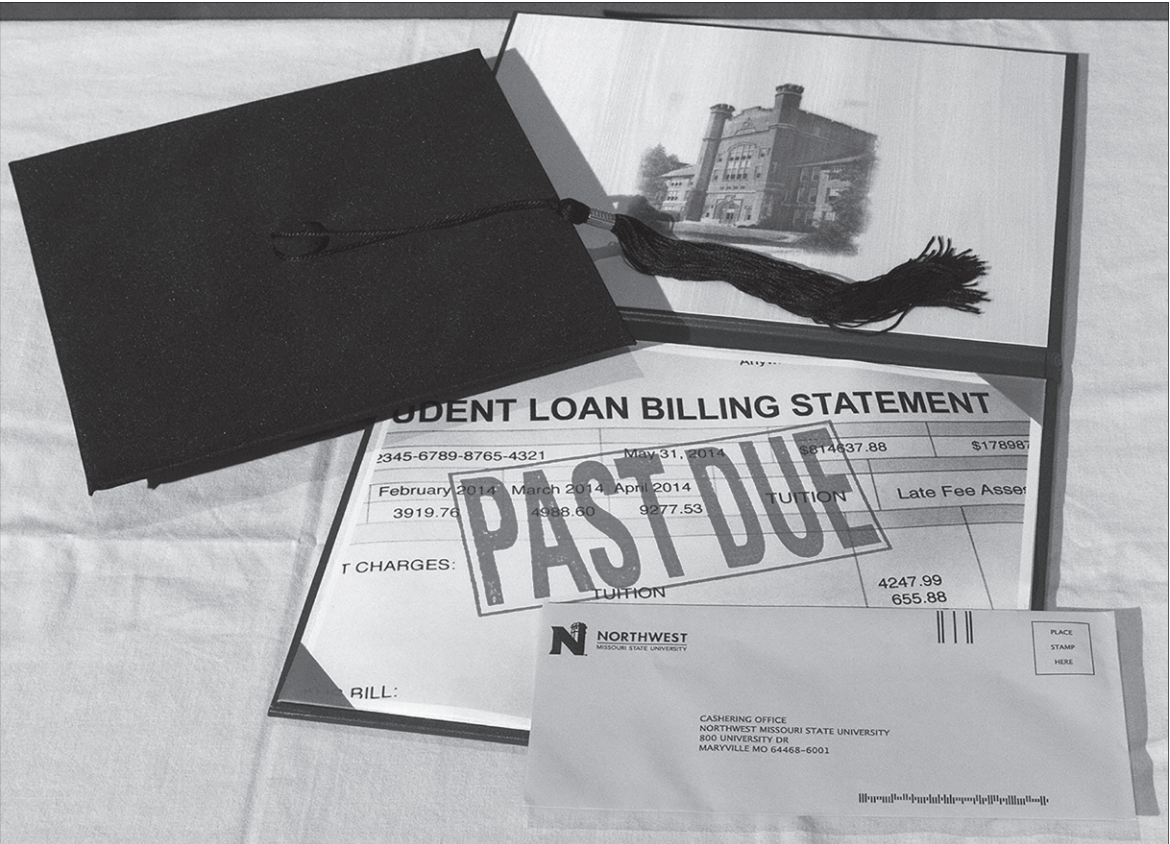
Schneider also contributes the high placement rates to resources on campus such as the Career Services office and Student Success Center.

“We have a great support systems and things like what use to be the Talent Development and now is the Student Success Center with a refocus on academic advising and a lot of support systems that help students learn about possibilities beyond their academic career,” Schneider said. “Students are then taught how to a job search or the strategic things that are involved in application form.”

Director, Academic Success & Retention, Allison Hoffman runs the Student Success Center which helps prepare students for life after graduation.

“The Student Success Center focuses on transitioning, advising, supporting and connecting students to maximize academic potential,” Hoffman said. “Success means something different to each and every student. Thus, we take a personalized approach to student success from orientation to graduation by supporting student learning, growth, and development. Through our interactions with students, we promote the importance of critical thinking, communication, teamwork and other key skills needed to succeed in the workplace.”

Schneider states that students are just learning academics while



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Northwest is now 11th in Missouri for highest debt rates in graduating students. Northwest also holds a 97.3 percent for job placement rates in graduating students.

their at Northwest but also learning about how to do things that will help them succeed after graduation like how to job searchers and build their portfolios or resumé.

“Students need to understand that there is a strategic way to do job searches and that internships along the way help validate that you are in the right career path for you,” Schneider said. “They also

help you develop your professional network and help you develop professional experiences that can be added to your application materials whether that is a resumé, a portfolio or your LinkedIn whatever that happens to be so getting that experience and participating in professional based learning while you are here makes you a better candidate for things beyond Northwest.”

However, the key component

in having and maintaining a high job placement rate relies heavily on the students at Northwest.

“In order to retain a 96 percent success rate, the industry calls it a placement rate, everyone has to work together and it has to be a collaborative effort,” Schneider said. “It is a team effort and one of the major players is the student and they need to buy in and participate in their own future.”

Blotters for the week of Aug. 31

Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

August 24

There is an open investigation for stealing at the Fine Arts Building.

August 25

There is an open investigation for stealing at Tower Suites.

August 26

There is a closed investigation for liquor law violation at University Drive.

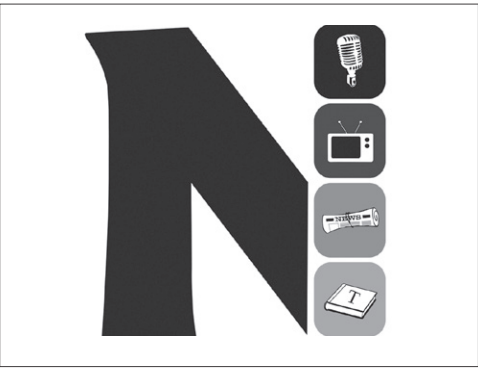
There is an open investigation for burglary at Tower Suites East.

August 27

There is a closed investigation for liquor law violation at Millikan Hall.

There are seven closed investigations for liquor law violations at Hudson Hall.

There is a closed investigation for liquor law violation at Roberta Hall.



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Maryville Department of Public Safety

August 17

There is an ongoing investigation for stealing at the 500 block of Market.

August 20

A summons was issued to **Caden Wilson**, 19, for minor in possession at the 600 block of North Main.

August 23

Summons were issued to **Shailyn Brush**, 19, for a minor in possession and driving while intoxicated at the 400 block of West Eight.

August 24

There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at the 400 block of North Mulberry.

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 1800 block of South Main.

August 25

A summons was issued to **Anne Snow**, 76, for a dog at large at the 1200 block of West Crestview.

A summons was issued to **Stephen Brown**, 68, for driving while intoxicated at US Highway 71 Bypass North and US Highway 71 Business North.

Summons were issued to **Jenny Walter**, 38, for driving with a valid licenses and failure to register a motor vehicle at the 900 block of College.

A summons was issued to **Andie Dain**, 18, and **Meghan Bayers**,

18, for minor in possession at the 800 block of North Walnut.

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 700 block of North Main.

August 26

Summons were issued to **Khalil Stone**, 21, for wanted on warrant and failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market.

There is an ongoing investigation for disorderly conduct at the 400 block of North Buchanan.

A summons was issued to **Ashtyn Danker**, 18, for minor

in possession at the 200 block of Third.

August 27

A summons was issued to **Chandler Eastwood**, 19, for minor in possession at the 500 block of North Buchanan. There is an ongoing investigation for burglary at the 800 block of North Walnut.

There is an ongoing investigation for robbery at the 800 block of North Walnut.

A summons was issued to **Payden Thomas**, 20, for improper display of license plate at the 700 block of Franklin.

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VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you are usually quick to catch on and can easily read between the lines of a situation. Put this skill to use in an important business meeting in the coming days.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
It is hard for you to respond when people do not play by the rules, Libra. Do not let their activities ruin your week. Continue to follow your own path.

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20:
Aries, change is afoot, but there is no use trying to cling to the past. Look to the future and find a way to embrace the changes and challenges that lie ahead.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, beneath that cool, calm and collected exterior beats the heart of someone who may be looking for adventure from time to time. Let others see your wild side this week.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, you can think of plenty of reasons why you shouldn’t take chances this week, but somehow you are compelled to take risks.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Your shift with regard to motivation is quite evident this week, Cancer. Others notice this change in attitude and are willing to come on board to support you further.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, an exciting announcement makes it difficult to maintain your composure over the next few days, but give it your best shot. Look at it as a challenge that needs to be met.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, no matter how many times you run through the details of a specific situation, you still will come up with questions. Work them out until you feel confident.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Something big is on the horizon and you are getting very excited about it, Sagittarius. The wait will soon be over and you can enjoy yourself fully. Try to remain patient a little while longer.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Sticking to your safety zone has done you well, Capricorn. But sometimes you need to step outside of the boundaries for a new perspective. Don’t let apprehension hold you back.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, a packed calendar feels stifling right now. It’s good to have a solid social network, but not if it comes at the expense of free time. See what you can clear from your schedule.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
There is more to living than adhering to career goals, Pisces. Find ways to schedule more activities that bring you happiness.

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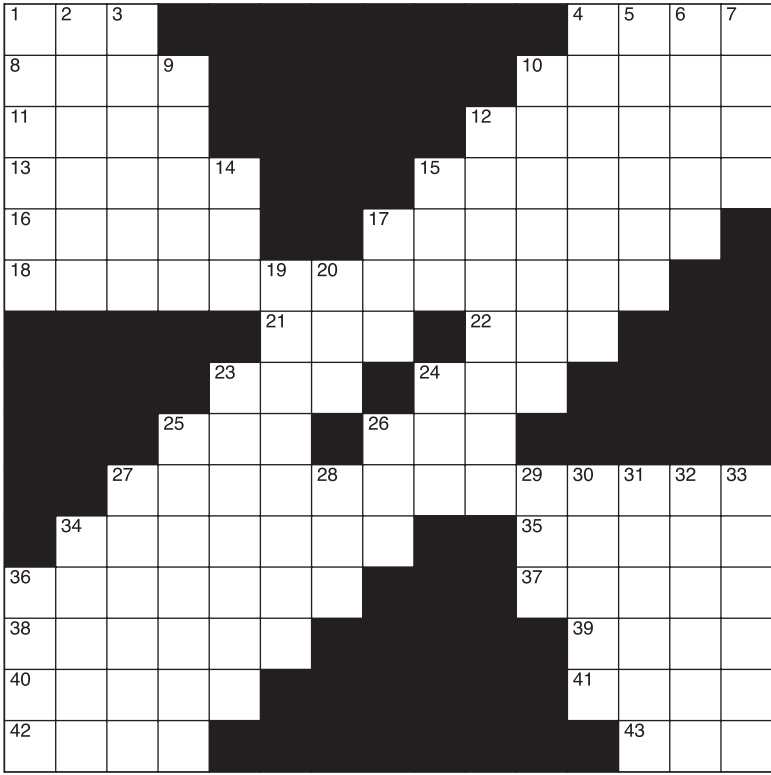
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- 11. Nonflowering plant
- 12. Of Christian fasting season
- 13. Of birds
- 15. Dealt with
- 16. Duplicate
- 17. More liquid
- 18. Inconsequential
- 21. Doctor of Education
- 22. Electroencephalograph
- 23. Partner to the carrot
- 24. Not young
- 25. Discontinued Apple advertising platform
- 26. Car mechanics group
- 27. Treats allergies
- 34. Rather
- 35. African nation (alt. sp.)
- 36. Suffering
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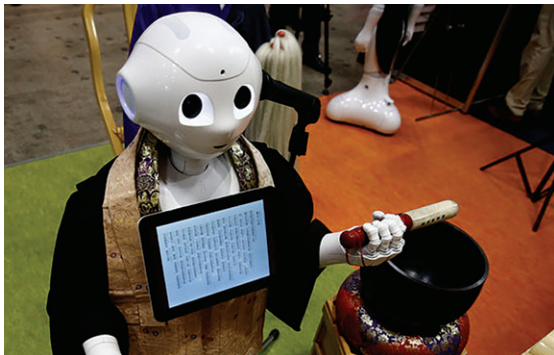
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- 10. Dyed
- 12. Small invertebrate
- 14. Holiday beverage egg ____
- 15. Hawaiian club
- 17. Rural Free Delivery (abbr.)
- 19. Most impoverished
- 20. British romance novelist
- 23. Burgers
- 24. Organization of American States
- 25. Lacking contact with other people
- 26. Sex Pistols bassist Vicious
- 27. One who uses a rod and line to fish
- 28. Expression of surprise
- 29. Get older
- 30. Rooney and Kate are two
- 31. Wild goats
- 32. Cores
- 33. Walks into
- 34. A way to accustom
- 36. Wet nurse

Pollock

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A company in Japan has released one of their robots for a new use, as a Buddhist priest for funerals. The robot can step in when a human priest is unavailable, and at a much lower cost. The average cost of a human priest is \$2,200, the robot costs \$450. As of this publication the robot has not been hired for any funerals yet.



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A farmer in England rewarded a local fire department with sausages made from the pigs they had rescued earlier this year. The crew at Pewsey Fire Station saved 18 piglets from a farm in Milton Lilbourne, Wiltshire, in February. Rachel Rivers, the owner of the farm promised to bring them some sausages, to thank them for saving her farm.

An 800 year old stone coffin was broken when a parent tried to place a child inside to take a picture. The coffin is on display at Prittlewell Priory Museum in Southend-on-Sea Essex. The parties responsible for the damage did not report the incident, instead they left the museum. The museum curator said while the damage was significant, the sandstone coffin will be repaired under the watchful eye of their in house restoration team. Archaeologists believe that the coffin once held the body of a senior monk.



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The film industry:

On track for a fast and furious crash

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The summer blockbuster is a term born from the hit 1975 movie “Jaws,” directed by Steven Spielberg. Moviegoers formed lines for the movie trailing all the way around the block to find out why it wasn’t safe to go in the water, thus coining the term. Now this term is engrained in the minds of culture all over the U.S., not only because of the demise of a late 90’s video rental store, but because going to the movie theater in the summer is a specific trait to western culture.

Unfortunately, because of the nature of the industry, when there

thing making the world go round: money.

“The industry knows there’s already an audience for existing franchises,” Offutt said. “It takes less money and effort to crank out an unnecessary sequel or reboot an existing franchise than to produce an original film. The viewers are the ones who suffer.”

Essentially, there are three tiers of movies: there are the big budget AAA super hero movies, the middle of the road average cost movies and then the smaller budget movies. AAA movies are being made more than ever and attendance rates are extremely high, while the middle of the road and

entity is in charge of what is made and what isn’t, Landis proposes their decisions are ultimately decided by what makes money and what people want to see.

“You’re mad at the wrong people if you’re mad at the studio, or the director, or the actors, or the film industry,” Landis said in one of his many YouTube video uploads. “Because what’s broken is cultural and has little to do with them.”

Movies are one of the most important art forms available to the average consumer, and right now the feedback execs are getting is counterintuitive to a healthy industry full of creative original movies.

Without creativity, art becomes an uninteresting and boring to whatever came before it.

Movies like “Baby Driver,” “The Big Sick,” “Logan Lucky” and “Get Out” all released in 2017 and are all completely original films. They each push boundaries and are some of the most intelligent and thought provoking films to grace movie screens in the last decade and this is all according to reviews alone. Good reviews don’t translate over to good box office earnings though. Moviegoers won’t always be so lucky, as where there are original ideas there are always just as many unoriginal ones to follow.

According to box office data from 2016 movie releases, “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows,” “Zoolander 2,” “The Huntsman: Winter’s War,” “Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising,” “The Divergent Series: Allegiant” and “Alice Through the Looking Glass” all were declared as box office flops. “Warcraft”, the movie adaptation of the video game World of Warcraft, brought in only \$47 million of its \$160 million budget. These earnings were only in America though, as nearly \$400 million was earned in foreign markets.



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“I think original movies have a big impact on our society because of the messages they can send. If a movie shows a positive, real message of human characteristics it can impact a person greatly.”

Many higher up filmmakers and screenwriters have seen these trends and are actively trying to warn moviegoers of the potential consequences this lack of original film presents. One of the well documented examples of this is when Steven Spielberg spoke out against the negative trends of the film industry.

Spielberg stated when he di-

well often produce more money than some of the greatest films of all time by setting new box office records every couple of months. In reality, what many specialists believe is this could be leading up to the crash of the film industry.

These big bets on expensive movies are foreboding to say the least. What happens if in five years we get another year like 2016 where almost every movie flops? If none of these movies make their money back, then movies as a whole will be seen as failing. From then on it’s only a matter of time before theaters start shutting down.

Tim Grierson, a writer for Rolling Stone, pointed out a trend of similar to what many fear in the newest entry of the “Planet of the Apes” franchise. The movie performed much more poorly than anticipated, especially when considering the cash brought in by the last two movies, despite having the highest review scores of either of its two older entries.

“Even then, though, the latest Apes movie will probably be viewed as a commercial letdown. But why,” Grierson said. “Did audiences not want to see a grim, intelligent war parable in the midst of the Trump administration’s incompetence and cruelty? Were we suddenly tired of monkeys? Or was it the general franchise fatigue that affected so many of this summer’s seemingly major releases?”

History shows audiences straying away from being spoon fed the same thing every week. Originality is important for movies and real life, so supporting them should come naturally. Supporting this originality isn’t just supporting the future of the movie industry, it’s supporting all art in every medium.



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is a hit the size of a great white like “Jaws” the natural idea is to immediately spawn sequels.

Why wouldn’t someone want to see more of something they thought was really entertaining? This is the idea many execs have, not considering there may be a possibility of “Jaws: The Revenge” being the third complete failure sequel to the original.

While there are big budget failures like “Jaws” sequels, it’s really franchises like “The Fast and the Furious,” keeping the movie industry driving to a quick end.

Big film execs are starting to rely on creating franchises and if these cash grabs don’t stop, then the film industry is heading for a crash the size of the entire Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU).

Senior Instructor Jason Offutt says original film has lost its importance in the mainstream movie audiences eyes. He says this can primarily be attributed to the one

especially smaller movies are failing to bring in numbers.

This drop off of viewership is beginning to take its toll especially when the numbers are looked at for ticket sales. Attendance at movie theaters is very quickly declining for movies with a smaller budget. So if everyone collectively got tired of sequels and superhero movies, it’s possible for a movie with a huge budget to make little to no money. A couple of events like this could prove disastrous to the movie industry. If big budget flicks and small indies aren’t pulling in audiences there will be no money made for anyone.

Max Landis, son of John Landis and screenwriter for movies such as “Chronicle,” “Mr. Right” and “American Ultra,” actively participates in writing scripts and promoting original ideas in the film industry as he too sees an imminent crash.

While the film industry as an

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You’re going to have to pay \$25 for the next Iron Man (but you’re probably only going to have to pay \$7 to see Lincoln -Steven Spielberg

All of the movies listed here are either based off of something or they are sequels. Some of them even received decent review scores.

A lot of movie lovers have started turning to the more safe option by watching movies on Netflix or by renting them on redbox. Shane Webb, senior mass media: broadcast and production major and general manager of KNWT,, is one of these people.

“I go to the theaters every so often, but I mainly watch movies on Netflix,” Webb said.

Webb also included his opinion on the importance of original film.

rected the critically acclaimed “Lincoln” it came dangerously close to being a direct to TV movie. He also gave some insight into how ticket pricing will work in the next 10 or 20 years when it comes to sequels as compared to original films.

“You’re going to have to pay \$25 for the next Iron Man,” Spielberg said. “You’re probably only going to have to pay \$7 to see Lincoln.”

The film industry weeds out original content in place of pushing sequels and reboots with a better chance at performing well. Many think this doesn’t matter because now movies performing

BMB starts out on a good note

CORIE HERTZOG

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Some may think spending hours out in the sun, or on rainy days holding metal instruments and flag poles would be miserable. For the Bearcat Marching Band (BMB) this is just starting the year on the right foot, or, in their case, the left foot.

The BMB consists of many different sections: the band itself, the Bearcat Drumline, Color Guard, Steppers and Featured Twirlers. With all of those different people it makes every correct movement even more impressive. Coordination and dedication are a must for them to be successful.

Being a member of the BMB is no walk in the park however. It takes lots of hard work and determination. Members move to campus early for band camp for a week of intense practice.

Then, once school starts, they meet Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for practice at the football field. This does not even include the time spent practicing outside of the schedule.

Overall, after knowing they’ve done their best and left everything out on the field, the only thing bigger than their music is their pride.

“The biggest reward is hearing the student sections chant ‘BMB’ as we march off the field,” Brian Chaney, a junior BMB Color Guard member said. “There aren’t many schools that care about their marching band, but this school does.”

These individuals do more than just marching at home football games. From the Homecoming parade to freshman convocation to doing exhibitional performances at high school marching band competitions, the BMB stays busy.

They even traveled with the Northwest football team to Arrowhead Stadium to perform at half-time at the Northwest Missouri State University vs. University of Central Missouri game in 2016.

It can be intimidating for new members to join such an accomplished program, but Chaney offers his advice to new members of the BMB

“Always make sure you have a good attitude,” Chaney said. “There are going to be stressful moments, but try to stay happy because you’re in a great organization.”

While it’s time consuming and difficult, the performances leave crowds awed in the best way possible.



ALEXIS GEISERT | NW MISSOURIAN

Bearcat Marching Band practices for the upcoming football season Aug. 28.

“To whom much is given, much is expected,” Strickland, Ph.D, the BMB’s director, is known to say.

Together, every member is expected to give it their all. From the smallest piccolo to the peppiest

Stepper to the boldest guard member, they must give 120 percent to be successful and continue to be the musical pride of Northwest.

As the season goes on attendees can look forward not only to

amazing football games, but to equally exciting performances from the BMB as well. With their classics like “Cheer!” the excitement for the half time shows will rival the games.

NPHC prepares for fall recruitment season

MEKA WRIGHT

Chief Reporter | @_yafavRedHead_

Greek life events are swarming and booming this week, which is a sure sign the school year is officially back in full affect. One Greek life council in particular is ready to finally have a thriving year.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council hosted a forum Tuesday Aug. 29 for individuals interested in becoming possible members of The Divine Nine. The Divine Nine is a group of nine historically African-American fraternities and sororities. Yet, Northwest only houses two of the nine organizations, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc..

With Northwest being a PWI or predominantly white institution, interest in NPHC organizations has suffered in effect. Posing questions are, ‘Is this a problem of African-American population at Northwest?’ or ‘Do African-Americans just not know enough about the organizations to begin with?’

The panel of students, who are all Divine Nine members, were there to answer these questions.

“The black student retention rates on this campus are really low,” president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Andre Bly said. “And I want to do something to create that sense of belonging.

I want black students to come and be a part of this, but it’s bigger than me, it’s bigger than Alpha.”

The forum began with a presentation from Juanita Simmons Ph.D, Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. She began to highlight the importance of The Divine Nine to community.

“It is through Divine Nine that many historically black campuses, and even black communities, have kept their synergy,” Simmons said. “The brotherhoods and sisterhoods that you carry through a lifetime, happens here on campus.”

She described the National Pan-Hellenic Council’s beginnings in 1930, to unite the fraternities and sororities, though all nine

would not come about until 1963. The audience listen intently has Simmons explain why we need The Divine Nine on our campus.

“It is through these fraternities and sororities that we have had higher completion graduation rates, and that people left college with the type of affiliations and anchors to help to develop themselves,” said Simmons.

The forum continued with the introduction of each of the organizations on campus. Bly and Dealon Walton, president and vice president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. represented their organization; explaining mission statements and national programs that their organizations host around the nation. My Brother’s Keeper, a program that Alpha Phi Alpha hold nationally, emphasizes the importance of mentoring and crafting young men in local communities into thriving men of power.

“We went to the same high school,” said Walton, glancing quickly at his fraternity brother, Bly. “We talked to our high school about college and requirements... what you can do to get into college.”

Being a part of these organizations is something that meant more than just Greek-lettered T-shirts and popularity to the members on the panel. Being a part of their fraternity is something that they strived and sacrificed for, something they were inspired to do.

“No one in my family was Greek,” Bly said. “Around my church there were a lot of Alphas and they were always looking out for me... then as soon as I got here, the first face a saw was another Alpha and he took me under his wing.”

The sincerity of their contributions left the room in silence. The only sounds were the soft claps and snaps from a few individuals.

As the event continued, each active organization stood to represent their organizations and gave more insight to what it meant to be an Alpha, a Sigma or even a Delta. While the histories and missions of each of the Divine Nine organizations were highlighted, students were inspired to do more to seek information on prospective memberships.

THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat wants you to organize your life this semester

College is all about new. New friends, new teachers and for some even a new country. With all that new it can be hard to think straight. What is the best course of action for you? How do you keep everything straight?

Maybe it’s just me, but there is nothing more important than writing in a brand new planner. I love being able to just look in my planner to see I have everything planned from now until Dec. 25.

My roommate leaves sticky notes all over her desk. For others, the best way to keep on track is by putting events in their phone calendars and setting alarms, it’s whatever works. Just remember, what may work for one person won’t always work for you. Our brains are all different and how we remember things will also be different.

Maybe you aren’t sure what

works for you, it’s totally OK.. Experiment with different ideas. Whether you’re an incoming freshman or a senior on your last stretch, finding the right way to organize yourself is a skill that will help you for the rest of your life.

Try a planner, an online calendar or even sticky notes. If it works, then stick with it. You can even try combining different ideas. This same method can help you study. From classes and assignments to work and weddings, college is also about learning new life skills.

If you’re going to pick up one of the most important new things it’s this: find new ways of remembering what is going on your life.

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Junior Tyler Houchin works his way up the middle against St. Pius X Aug. 25. Houchin carried for 148 yards, scoring two touchdowns.

RELOAD

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The line consists of seniors Jackson Sanders, Jacob Search, and Jalen Sundell, junior Ben Holtman along with sophomores Jeff Stooksbury and Jackson Graham. With three of the six only competing at the varsity level prior to this year, Maryville relies on leadership and practice to teach them the Maryville way.

“They are really doing a good job of listening to coaching and playing with a lot of good effort,” Webb said. “They are getting better each week. The line’s next challenge comes against Chillicothe Friday night. The Hornets (2-0) come off a 49-8 victory over Kirksville (0-2). Their offense ran for 250 yards, while putting up 107 yards in the air. Webb expects a tough fight at the line of scrimmage and says whoever wins the battle will have

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the advantage. “They are going to outweigh us,” Webb said. “They are going to outsize us. We are going to match their physicalness and be able to stay in the game. It’s going to be a difficult contest.”

ARENA

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The trio of coaches to design the new face of Bearcat Arena included men’s head basketball coach Ben McCollum, women’s head basketball coach Buck Scheel, and head volleyball coach Amy Woerth. To help coordinate the graphic designs and make the vision a reality was the University’s marketing and communications brand manager Kim Ziegler. “All us coaches were able to meet together and come up with this plan for the court and it became a reality,” Scheel said. “The new court

was due for a upgrade and we were all ready for a change of scenery.” For these coaches Bearcat Arena isn’t just another place to play, but it’s where they strive for success and victory. The arena plays host to one of the longest home winning streaks in men’s basketball as Northwest hasn’t lost a game at home since Jan. 10, 2015 accumulating 27 wins over that span. The men’s basketball team isn’t the only team finding success in a familiar atmosphere as the volleyball team displayed a 9-5 record at home for one of their best seasons in recent years ending with a record of 22-9. “The confidence each person

has while playing in our arena is huge, and this is a little bit more of a factor,” Tjeerdsma said. “We always feel that we have a championship program in all three sports at Bearcat Arena.” The new court will have debut action Sept. 28, when Northwest volleyball matches up against Southwest Baptist University in the home opener. The court will be home to only the volleyball team until Nov. 15 when the women’s basketball program takes on Peru State University. Men’s basketball follows two days later, Nov. 17, against Metropolitan State.

WRIGHT
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The No. 1 white out returns tenth all-time in receiving yards (1,914) and is just 28 catches away from cracking the top-10 in career receptions. Veteran wide receiver Shane Williams will also be a key aerial threat scoring touchdowns in both the 2015 and 2016 national championship games. Though the Bearcats have one of their deepest wide receiver collection in the last five years, Northwest will ultimately find stability in the trenches and specifically, on the ground. Seniors Cameron Wilcox and Jordan Grove are the definitions of battle tested running backs. While Wilcox has gathered over 1,600 yards on the ground, Grove has also accumulated over 1,000 yards through the air. Even though Wright has not announced the starting quarterback for the 2017 season, senior Jonathan Baker appears to have the edge. Playoff heroics from last season along with starts in the fall scrimmage and the majority of summer reps places the hometown hero in a hopeful position. Even though Baker is convincing on paper, don’t forget about Omaha, Nebraska native Zack Martin. He’s only completed six passes throughout his Northwest career but as Wright has claimed repeatedly through his first eight months at the helm, even he has no answer as to who the starting quarterback will be. To say the 2016 and 2017 Bearcats

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vary is a drastic understatement. Even with contrasting rosters, the Bearcats are confident that a 2017 title run is still within reach. “We focus on doing our jobs,” Forney said. “We pick things up in the film room and making sure we do our one eleventh.” “I’m excited to find out who we are,” Right said. “We try to play with a ton of effort, intensity, and energy.” Northwest is no stranger to Emporia State. The Hornets return junior quarterback Braxton Marstall. The gun-slinging star finished last season eighth in the nation in total passing yards and completions per game as well as ninth in completion percentage. Marstall also led the MIAA in completions. “They have one of the most prolific offenses that come into town and we love accepting the challenge,” Forney said. “You just have to stay disciplined.” The 6-foot-2-inch quarterback was instrumental in the Hornets passing attack in 2016 and will once again be the man to watch in the Bearcats Thursday night showdown. “The good news is it should be one heck of a football game,” Wright said. “It’s a difficult offense to prepare for. You’re trying to match up to their skill and that’s difficult. “It’s going to be a really a big adjustment in the first quarter of the first football game.”

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ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS



SPOOFHOUNDS

Cole Forney



The Maryville native will play as a linebacker this year following a near fatal car crash along Interstate 29 January 17. The senior did not appear in 2016 due to a medical redshirt.

Izzy Romano



The 2016 MIAA Freshman of the Year returns as one of the key younger classmen to Bearcat soccer this year. She finished the year with a team high 49 shots, 20 on goal.

Thomas DiStefano



The junior scored a school record eight goals, launching Maryville into a 10-0 victory over St. Joseph Benton Aug. 29.

Addison Hall



The sophomore won 8-0 in her singles and doubles match against St. Joseph Lafayette Aug. 24.



DYLAN COLDSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN
Emily Madden looks to cross the ball in the scrimmage against the Aggies Aug. 26.

Physical preseason gives soccer hope

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Chief Reporter | @tuckerfsports

If there is one thing Tracy Hoza expects heading into the women's soccer season, it's physicality.



Entering her 15th season at the helm, Hoza is impressed with the way her team has responded in the preseason training.

"Fitness wise last spring season was an excellent spring season," Hoza said. "We worked extremely hard on fitness and set some higher goals than we normally have."

Senior goalkeeper Ashley Malloy has noticed a change in the team's health as well during the preseason events.

"I am really excited," Malloy said. "Everyone came in, in really good shape and have been working really hard so far throughout preseason. I think it's going to be a good year."

At the top of fitness test list, three freshmen names graced the top three positions on the list. Hoza said the class has been a great addition to the team.

"We knew coming in that we would have freshmen step up," Hoza said. "We are very excited about our freshmen. You get them in games and you see how it goes

with preseason scrimmages and we were very impressed with what we saw from our freshman."

The freshman class also caught the eye of Malloy. She said that the competition the freshmen have brought in is going to help.

"All eight of them are pretty special players," Malloy said. "They fit really well into our team. I think they definitely brought our level up in training and in games it's making everyone work harder and compete harder which is always good to have competition inside your team."

Malloy is entering her final year between the posts for the Bearcats and Hoza knows that she is one of the most respected players in her starting 11.

"Ashley is a very demanding player, very knowledgeable player and a very vocal player," Hoza said. "The players have the utmost respect for her in the back and they listen to her. She has had a couple of injuries that have held her back but she should be one of the top goalkeepers in the conference. She plays like that and practices like that."

Practicing and playing like a top goaltender in the conference is a result of solid goal setting. Malloy said her priorities in goal are simple.

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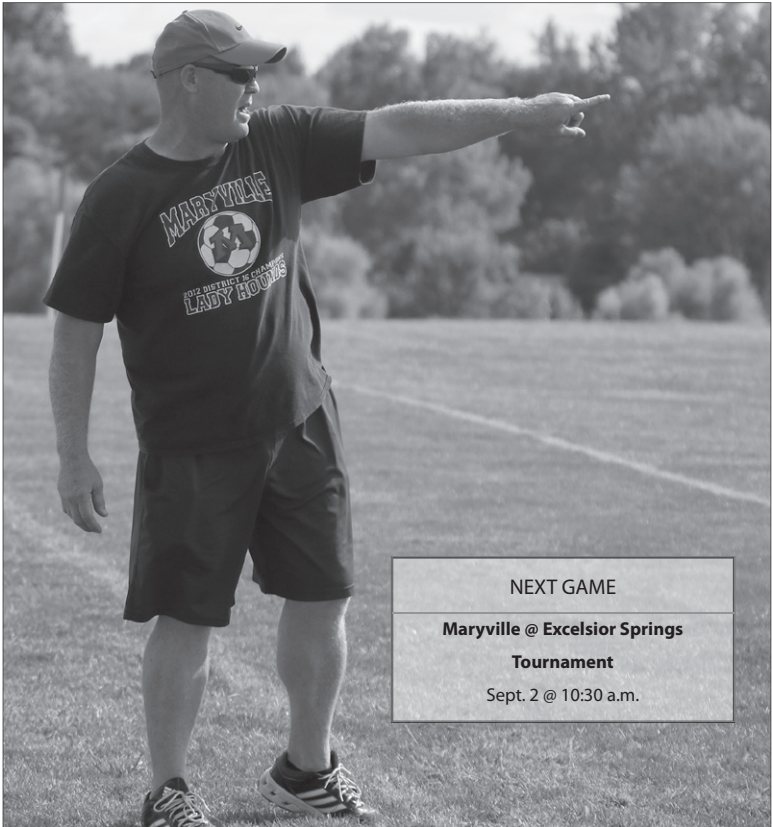
"I obviously never want to get scored on," Malloy said. "We talked as a team to give up less goals than we did last year. Overall our goal is to break 21 if we can but I definitely think we have the team to do it with this year."

The Bearcats come into the first matchup with Sioux Falls ranked tenth in the MIAA preseason poll. Hoza explains how that ranking can be a motivational factor for her club.

"We knew that going into this preseason," Hoza said. "Particularly with the spring we had, with the players we had coming back and how last season went, we know we are better."

The motivation has paid off so far as they prepare for their first match of the season.

"She definitely instilled a lot of confidence in our team and through our class," Malloy said. "I think she pushes us to do better every day and gets on us if we're not working hard enough, which is always good to have someone holding you accountable."



ALEXIS GEISERT | NW MISSOURIAN
Head coach Dale Reuter directs Maryville High School boys soccer on Tuesday Aug. 29 against Benton.

Reuter chosen to head both girls, boys programs

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A few months ago, a familiar Maryville face was deemed the title 'Mr. Soccer'.



After much deliberation with his family, fifth-year Maryville girls soccer coach Dale Reuter decided that heading the boys program is the next step in his soccer journey.

"It is a lot to do," Reuter said. "It's something that's always been on my mind. It's always something I've wanted to follow through on and now, it's here."

After 15-year coach Stuart Collins stepped down, Reuter stepped in.

Maryville athletic director Mathew Beu said that a proven track record involving three straight trips with the girls to the Class 3 State Soccer Tournament made the decision to hire him on the boy's side, an easy one.

"Coach Reuter has a clear vision for the direction of the program," Beu said. "We were looking for strong leadership and a culture of disciplined preparation. We believe Coach Reuter will provide both of those characteristics to our boy's soccer program."

Daughters Ashton and Kylie have graduated Maryville High School. His son Jacob is still playing for the Spoofhound football team and discussed with his father whether another coaching commitment would conflict with father-son time.

"Jacob's in his senior year and I sat down with him," Reuter said.

"I told him it would be a lot but he was fine with it as long as I could clear my Friday nights."

Reuter began his soccer days at the high school level. After shattering his hip, Reuter took a step away from the game.

Several years down the road when his daughter Ashton turned five, Reuter's soccer portfolio opened once again.

The former football and baseball coach and current Missouri State Trooper was eventually persuaded to join a startup youth soccer program, the Maryville Twisters.

"My wife graciously signed me up," Reuter said. "I fell in love with it. A few years later Cleo Samudzi (Maryville Twister founder) invited me to assist him and he was a big mentor of mine."

Samudzi convinced Reuter to get involved with the high school program. After earning his E-license it was only a matter of time until Reuter would be named the new girl's soccer coach.

Fast forward to present day; seven of those original U-8 Maryville Twisters including Chance Hermilink, Patrick Baker, Lucas Jasinski, Zach Staples, Grant Collins, Branden Ware and Thomas DiStefano are playing for the Spoofhound boys soccer team.

"It's not as good as winning the lottery, but it's pretty doggone close," Reuter said. "It puts lividity to what we started years ago."

In the Hounds previous 10-0 thumping over Benton, Jasinski kept the clean sheet, while Staples and Hermelink added two assists a piece.

The statistics didn't stop there.

DiStefano scored all but 6 goals in 2016. This season, the Spoofhound junior broke a Maryville program record scoring 8 goals in a single game.

"I remember when I was told it was going to be tough, especially in a football community," Rueter said. "But we did it."

To an abrupt ending of his high school soccer career to assisting in constructing the mold that is Maryville soccer today, Rueter has staked his name as the go-to soccer expert.

The first-year coach has brought in new tactics along with a possession heavy mindset. The combination puts the Maryville program not only on the map but a team to watch come postseason time.

"The teammates were passing the heck out of the ball," DiStefano said. "It all happens from my teammates. The midfielders are great but our defenders also deserve so much credit for what they do."

Reuter becomes the first person in Maryville history to head coach both girls and boys soccer at the same time.

A picture perfect performance against Benton earns the Spoofhounds their third win of the season. With only one loss against undefeated Platte County, Rueter and the Hounds aim to be more consistent at the Excelsior Springs Tournament beginning Saturday, Sept. 2.

"We want to be solid," Rueter said. "I want a good solid game through and through with the defense and the midfield we want to be able to put some scores on the board."

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Senior Alexis Williams prepares to serve the ball. Aug. 26 during their fall scrimmage. JACOB BARNES | NW MISSOURIAN

Volleyball strives for highest level

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Northwest enters the 2017 season with the goal of staking its claim as one of the top programs in MIAA Volleyball. The Bearcats were 15-0 last year before stumbling through the remainder of the season. Northwest ended with a 7-9 record, five of those losses coming from five set matches. Coach Amy Woerth hopes for her team to learn from late game struggles this season. “We wanted to be in the top four of our conference and we didn’t do that,” Woerth said. “We have to be able to push through and overcome those moments where everyone is tired.” Senior Darcy Sunderman said playing in close game situations was an emphasis for the team during spring practice. “I don’t know how many times in practice we played a game with the score starting at 20-20,” Woerth said. “That’s kind of where we fell off last year was in close games.” Another key Woerth high-

lighted for Northwest is getting the system of the team to work at peak efficiency. “We’ve talked a lot about how we want to be looked at in the conference and what we’ve focused on a lot is our systems,” Woerth said. “Are we doing our systems right, who is doing our systems right and defining that this what we stand for.” Woerth said the coaching staff has stressed the importance of doing things right and showing discipline more than previous seasons. “This has probably been the most focused that we have been as a coaching staff of requiring them to do things over,” Woerth said. “Grit and discipline have been two words that we have used a lot this preseason and if we can consistently do that at higher level than the other teams, then I think we’ll get some good things out of our program.” The Bearcats return an experienced group with six seniors and four juniors that were a part of the promising to start last season. The returners have been able to take a little bit off the plate for Woerth and the coaching to staff to worry about.

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“It’s nice to have an older crew because I don’t have to teach as much because the upperclassmen are able to teach for me,” Woerth said. Northwest will begin the season with four straight weekends on the road and will not play in Bearcat arena until Sept. 29. “We’ve been together here at our home here in Northwest and now we have to find a way to work together when we aren’t in our comfort zone,” Woerth said. “We’re on the road for four straight weeks’ so we better get used to the road warrior mentality.” Sunderman has found that winning on the road can be even more enjoyable than being at home and is up for the challenge of the nearly month long road trip. “I think it’s honestly sometimes more fun when you go into someone else’s home gym and take a win away from them,” Sunderman said.

Ambitious Bearcat takes coaching to Spoofhound court

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A new era of volleyball is in for Maryville as high school and university collide with a new coach took the reins for the Spoofhound team. Northwest junior Marissa Felt proved age is just a number as the 20-year-old became the new head coach of the Maryville volleyball team.

Felt started this adventure way before her college years. She became interested in the art of coaching during her high school days at A-D-M High School in Adel, Iowa. “I knew coaching was for me from the beginning,” Felt said. “I have always been involved with sports and clubs, and throughout that I have had some great coaches. Just like them I want to put good into kids lives if they do not get that at home.” There, Felt took to her own courts as she became the coach of the Iowa Lightning club team while working with the u-14, u-16 leagues. From then on she fell in love with it. Felt’s passion for the game has sparked her ambition to get into the coaching world even against all the odds her age creates. “One day I was just curious as to which coaching jobs were open at Maryville High School,” Felt said. “I have always had a passion for volleyball and I saw that the position was open, and I got wild hair and just applied for it to see if anything would come from it.”

The core principals Felt’s team lives and dies by are hard work and focus, just as she did working her way to this position. With youth on her side and her passion for the game, the team has already embodied this ideology and thrived on it. “It has been kind of a big change for us,” senior Abby Loe said. “A lot more conditioning and

we’ve been working really hard this year, we’ve really had to adapt to her style.” Felt’s coaching style has translated into to an exponential rise for the volleyball team. The team has become a force to be reckoned with almost immediately as it has started the season off on a tear at 3-0. Thus far on the season

Maryville has gone on to defeat East Buchanan (25-18, 25-15), South Harrison (25-2, 25-2) and MEC rival Benton (25-20, 25-12). The Spoofhound volleyball team in those three games have not lost a single set and have won all sets combined sets 150-69.

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Cameron Wilcox runs by the defense during the Bearcat’s annual Green and White scrimmage Aug. 24.

DYLAN COLDSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN

Bearcats hope for Wright start

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Though Northwest football wrapped up its sixth national title eight months ago, things will be different come Thursday night at Bearcat Stadium.

The No. 1 Bearcats host their highest ranked opponent of the season week one in a MIAA clash against No. 4 Emporia State.

“That’s why you come to Northwest,” senior linebacker Cole Forney said. “For games like this. We love playing against Emporia State.”

The reality has set in that when



the Northwest football team suits up for the 2017 season opener, a completely different team will take the field.

Harlon Hill finalist (best player in Division II football) Kyle Zimmerman, NFL prospects Collin Bevins, Harold Brantley and Cass Weilt along with the winningest active head coach in NCAA football Adam Dorrel are gone.

Two of the top five career interception leaders in Bearcat history, Jack Young and Kevin Burg, are also out the door. The Bearcats also graduate a senior class with the highest win percentage in

school history (96.5 percent).

Those are the sad realities that are well forgotten. Here are the uplifting facts that bring hope and promise to a completely reloaded roster.

Northwest currently possess the longest win streak in college football (30). They haven’t lost at Bearcat Stadium since October 18, 2014, and also haven’t fallen to the Hornets in 24-straight appearances.

Returning junior Shawn Bane Jr. finds his name near the top of the Northwest wide receiver history books.

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Unpredictable start turns into sustainable Hound tradition

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Entering the 2017 high school football season, doubters spread across the town of Maryville, Missouri.



Maryville High School checked into the year with two returners on each side of the ball. Others had a small amount of time on field with the varsity team.

“It’s all motivation,” junior Tyler Houchin said. “That’s all I hear from everyone; ‘22 seniors.’ Yes they were great and I loved playing with them and everything, but the whole thing is that it’s our year.”

Through two weeks of play, the Spoofhounds came out like nothing had changed, fighting their way to two convincing victories.

The team is ready to leave the skeptics behind setting forth a path to establish their own identity, while continuing the rich tradition of the program.

“We reload,” senior Jacob Reuter said. “We don’t really have a down year.”

Ranked No. 2 in Missouri Class 3 football, Maryville entered 2017 in explosive fashion.

The defense shut out its opponents through the first six and a half quarters of the season, while the offense ran rapid scoring a combined 83 points in each game.

“These guys are excited to play,” coach Matt Webb said. “They play for the right reasons and did all the work they needed to in the off season. Everything they are getting is earned and deserved.”

Maryville’s success once again begins on the ground with 688 of 754 yards racked up on the ground. The secret sits behind a three headed weapon.

Including Reuter, Houchin and junior Mark Zahnd, the threat comes together with the help of variation. No opponent sees the same style from two different backs.

Reuter forces his way up the

middle, Zahnd runs his way around the line, while Houchin does a little of both.

“It’s hard for a defense to try and key off all three running backs,” Reuter said. “Some people can key off one back, but when there is three of them it’s really hard to prepare.”

The Spoofhounds are required to win each fight up front at the line of scrimmage before any advancement is made. With each different running back comes different blocking.

This brings no problem for the offensive line, giving offensive coordinator Matt Houchin plenty of options while calling plays.

“We have enough offense that you can’t take it all away,” Webb said. “It’s really about execution and playing with great effort. Those linemen aren’t going to get there names in the paper for touch-down or yards.”

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Bearcat Arena receives major makeover

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As Northwest ushers in a new era of athletic dominance, three programs reap the benefits as a championship mentality turns to a championship appearance in Bearcat Arena.

From moment to moment Bearcat Arena has housed one of the most dominant home field advantages in NCAA Division II, boasting undefeated streaks and winning streaks alike.

With the arena growing as a fearmonger to destroy any opponent’s confidence, the new design features a way for the enemy to envy the house Northwest built.

Over the past couple of weeks Bearcat Arena has welcomed a new vision. The new court features a new scheme to it as the \$30,000 remodel includes a wider baseline with a lighter

shade of green. Along with the baseline comes a bolder print with a white interior reading “Northwest” and “Bearcats.”

A darker stain of wood inside the perimeter pairing with a lighter shade in the key to go along with a revitalized MIAA logo. But the main attraction belongs to the centerpiece of the court as the logo has been revamped.

“We have a scheduled maintenance every four years and when we changed logos last time we had just redone the floors,” athletic director Mel Tjeerdsma said. “There was a need to put in the logo, honestly I felt bad that we could not have gotten the logo done four years ago.”

The slick new design of the court was a product of none other than the coaches that thrive in Bearcat Arena.

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